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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the indication that Claims 12-27 are allowed, and that Claims 7, 10, 11, 43 and 44 would be allowable if amended into independent form, is appreciatively noted. In response, Claims 7 and 43 have been amended into independent form. Claims 41 and 42 are cancelled, and Claims 45-49 are amended to depend from allowable Claim 43. This leaves Claims 2-6, 8-9 as being rejected.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 2 recites that the optical train has both in focus and out of focus locations. A first color changing element changes the light at a first in focus location and a second color changing light changes the color at an out of focus location. This produces a specific choice of effects, where one of the effects allows the light color to be changed at the in focus location, and the other allows the light to be changed at an out of focus location.

Corcoran teaches a picture phone, which allows encoding the light using a tricolor wheel, and then decoding the light beam using a tricolor wheel. It stands to reason that since the wheel 7 is doing exactly the opposite of the wheel 6, that they

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must be in precisely the same and analogous locations. In fact, the sync source 12 is defined as synchronizing the motor 10 with a motor 8. The wheel 6 must be in precisely the same optical configuration as the wheel 7.

Corcoran does not specifically state whether the wheels are at the in focus location or an out of focus location. One might deduce from figure 2 that the wheels are at an out of focus location. The lens is presumably focusing the image 1 on to the transmission line 3. Presumably the input point of the transmission line 3 is exactly the in focus location. Therefore, figure 2 does not include one color wheel at the in focus location and the other at the out of focus location. In fact, both of the color wheels must be in the same condition of focus, or the system would not operate as intended. It makes no sense to think that one could be in focus with the other being out of focus.

Claim 2 should be allowable for these reasons along with the claims that depend therefrom. Claim 4 specifies that the color changer is a color cross fader. This makes absolutely no sense in the context of Corcoran. Corcoran would never need to cross fade between colors. Therefore, claim 4 should be additionally allowable.

Claim 6 defines that each of the color changing elements include clear portions. This makes no sense in the context of a

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color wheel of Corcoran, since the color wheel of this type would be continuously moving. The cited section of Corcoran merely states that the color wheel has different colors at different locations; it teaches nothing about a clear part.

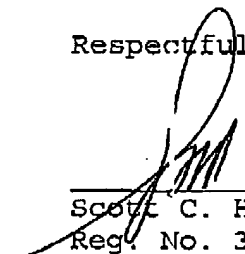
Claims 41 and 42 have been canceled to obviate the rejections thereto. The remaining claims have been amended to depend from now-allowable claim 43.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Applicants ask that all claims be allowed. No fee is believed to be due, however please apply any applicable charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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